

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

June 23, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Father Tony Holder, Rector

Mission Statement:

The Community of All Saints' accepts the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship of God, service to His people and stewardship of His gifts.

*The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.*

Prelude Music

Here I am to worship

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: The Lord Jesus, who went about doing good works and healing sickness and infirmity of every kind, commanded his disciples to care for the sick, to pray for them, and to lay hands on them. In this time together, we shall entrust our brothers and sisters who are ill or experiencing difficult challenges to the care of our Lord, asking that he will enable them to bear their pain and suffering in the knowledge, that, if they accept their share in the pain of his passion, they will also share in its power to give comfort and strength.

Officiant: O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Holy Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 85. 7-13

(Page 709 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, * **and grant us your salvation.**
8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * **for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * **that his glory may dwell in our land.**
10 Mercy and truth have met together; * **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * **and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * **and our land will yield its increase.**
13 Righteousness shall go before him, * **and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Scriptural Reading: Luke 1.57-80

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” And the child grew and became strong in spirit ; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection: **Shine, Jesus, shine**

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Lord Jesus, you heal the sick: Lord have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners: Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Let us, in humility, confess our sins to God.

The Confession is followed by silence and these or other words of absolution.

People: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Silence

The Officiant says the following Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Ad Te Jesus Christe" ("You Jesus Christ") - Taize Instrumental is played during the prayers.

Officiant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

People: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Officiant: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

People: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Officiant: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

People: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Officiant: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

People: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Officiant: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole especially... *[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]*

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

People: Hear us, Lord of life.

Officiant: You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

People: You have declared your power among the peoples.

Officiant: With you, Lord, is the well of life.

People: and in your light do we see light.

Officiant: Hear us, Lord of life:

People: heal us, and make us whole.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Officiant: For loving the world and knowing our names.

People: **Thank you God.**

Officiant: For your strength that fills us and your love that heals us.

People: **Thank you God.**

Officiant: For your presence here with us today and for your hand that leads us into tomorrow.

People: **Thank you God.**

The Lord's Prayer

Flute and Piano Instrumental

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit instill passion and the unity between them give us strength for this and every day...and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

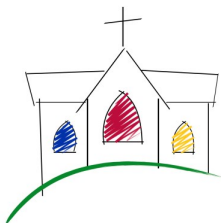
People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Selection:

My Jesus, my Savior



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